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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:40 P. M.

Monday, January 25, 1954.

Battin,

Council met in regular session. Present 8; Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 1; Stojack.

It was moved by Col. Hooker that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

MOTIONS:

Resolution No. 13840.

HUMISTON: For Grading, oil mat and storm sewers- L. I. D. # 2166.

Stating intention of Council to order grading and placing of a gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface on Linden Lane and Locust Lane from Sixth Avenue to South 12th Street; also necessary storm drainage on above streets; and fixing January 16th, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9; motion seconded by Perdue and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

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Adopted on roll call January 25, 1954.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13841.

BATTIN:

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City to sell at the market price thereof U. S. Government bonds belonging to the Local Improvement Guaranty Fund in the sum of \$100,000.00, known as 2 1/4 U. S. Treasury Bonds due 6-15-62, at market price thereof, and to invest the sum of \$15,000 of moneys of the Cumulative Reserve Fund, New City Hall, in United States Government bonds.

Adopted on roll call January 25, 1954.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13842.

TOLLEFSON:

Waiving residential requirements as set forth in Section 6.3 of the City Charter as to Frank L. Bannon for the purpose of his appointment as Assistant City Attorney of the City of Tacoma, it being deemed that such waiver is in the best interests of the City.

Adopted on roll call January 25, 1954.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13843.

GOERING:

Accepting bid of Howard E. Guest, a widower, for the purchase of Lots 7 and 8, Block 2908, Supplementary Plat of Oakland Addition for \$425.00 cash, and authorizing and directing proper officers of City to execute a local improvement assessment deed in favor of said purchaser.

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After the resolution had been read in full by the Clerk, the question was raised as to the amount of money the City had actually expended in acquiring this property. Council requested for its information in the future, resolutions of this nature be accompanied by a statement or memorandum on the bottom of the resolution, giving the amount the City of Tacoma has actually paid or assumed, including cost for the time involved in clearing title to the property being sold by the City. Mr. Backstrom promised to have the requested information on this resolution for next week's Council meeting, and that in the future other resolutions of this nature will have this information attached. It was moved by Dr. Battin to postpone action on Resolution 13843 for one week to February 1, 1954. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack

Resolution No. 13844.

W. GOERING:

Authorizing and directing proper officers of City of Tacoma to execute and deliver to Anton F. Lemish and Esther Lemish, husband and wife, a local improvement assessment deed, in form approved by the City Attorney, upon payment of the sum of \$8.91, covering Lot 15, Block 7642, Map of the Indian Addition to the City of Tacoma, situated in Tacoma, Pierce County, State of Washington. (for the purpose of clearing title of said property).

Adopted on roll call January 25, 1954.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13845.

W. HOOKER:

Approving recommendation of Chief of Police and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract for the furnishing of five 1954 Police Special V-8 Four-Door Sedans to Mallon Motors on their low bid of \$10,556.00 and awarding contract for the furnishing of two 1954 V-8 Panel trucks to Titus Motor Co. on their low bid of \$3,852.88.

Adopted on roll call January 25, 1954.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Resolution No. 13846.

W. PERDUE:

Selecting Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, a recognized firm of certified public accountants, as the firm to provide for the City a running audit of all accounts and books of the City and a comprehensive annual report on the financial condition of the City, as required by Section 7.14 of the City Charter, and instructing the City Attorney to submit to the City Council an ordinance providing for the employment of said firm. Mayor Tollefson read for Council's information a definition of "continuous audit" as defined on page 229 of "Municipal Accounting and Auditing", which deals with governmental accounting. Dr. Battin, a member of the Audit Committee, emphasized that the audit was authorized by the Freeholders to furnish a check on the operations of the City Manager, Director of Utilities and the City as a whole, and stated that it is not merely a technical job of auditing, but is a check on the current operations of the City for the City Council's information. Certain members of the Council expressed the opinion that a great deal of consideration should be given to the drawing of the ordinance and the contract by the City Attorney, and that possibly a representative of the firm of accountants should confer with the City Attorney relative to certain phases of the contract. Mr. Bratrud and Col. Hooker both favored giving the local firm of Robert T. Knight the privilege of making the audit, and if their work does not prove satisfactory after a certain trial period, it could then be given to the national firm. Mayor Tollefson told the Council that the National

... had been chosen because they had a great deal of experience in municipal account-
 ing, (~~whereas the Robert T. Knight Co. has had no experience in this type of accounting~~).
 After a discussion period by the Council, Mayor Tollefson concluded by commending the
 Audit Committee for the outstanding work they had done in sifting information, inter-
 viewing applicants and compiling the excellent report they submitted to the Council
 members. This represented a good deal of extra time on the part of the Committee,
 and they should be given a vote of thanks, the Mayor added. Roll was then called
 on the adoption of Resolution No. 13846, resulting as follows:

... on roll call January 25, 1954.

... 5; Battin, Humiston, Jensen, Perdue, Tollefson. Nays 3; Bratrud, Goering,
 ... Absent 1; Stojack.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 14970.

Providing for improvement of alley between North Stevens and North Verde
 streets (vacated) from North 38th Street to North 39th Street by grading and placing
 thereon a gravel, crushed rock and oil mat surface; creating Local Improvement District
 No. 2193. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9. Motion sec-
 onded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 9; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack. Roll
 was then called on the ordinance, without it having been read in full.

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Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Ordinance No. 14971.

Authorizing and directing the proper officers of the City of Tacoma to amend
 the contract authorized by Ordinance No. 14794 between the City of Tacoma, for and
 on behalf of its Department of Public Utilities, Light Division, and the United States
 of America, Department of Interior, acting by and through the Bonneville Power Admin-
 istrator, for the sale by the Government to the City of Tacoma of electric energy and
 the mutual exchange of energy between the parties and authorizing the delivery of said
 contract as amended. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr.
 ... to suspend rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. A letter was presented
 by Thomas W. Anderson, Secretary of the Public Utility Board, outlining certain
 changes in the contract between the Bonneville Power Administration and the City of
 Tacoma, which are included in the above ordinance. Mr. Dean Barline, Assistant City
 Attorney, was present to explain or answer questions regarding this ordinance and pointed
 out that this is an amendment to the contract executed by the City in April of 1953,
 which contract has not as yet been signed by the Federal Government due to the change
 in City Administration. Several substitutions that were requested by the Government to
 the original contract have been incorporated in this amended ordinance, he said, one
 of which provides that in the event of anticipated shortage of power supply on the
 Federal system, the City may be limited in its supply, but only on five years advance
 notice and only if all other customers of the same class as the City are also similarly
 limited. After further discussion by the Council members, roll was taken on the ordi-
 nance resulting as follows:

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

BUSINESS:

Mayor Tollefson reported that he had received a letter from Paul V. Betters,
 Executive Director of the United States Conference of Mayors, regarding "The Threat
 of Federal Taxation of Municipal Bonds" and advising of contemplated Congressional
 action involving the direct taxation by the Federal Government of state and municipal
 securities. After discussion by the Council, it was moved by Mr. Jensen that this
 communication be referred to Mr. Backstrom for study and that he be authorized to
 draw any suitable resolutions for the protection of the interests of the City of Tacoma.

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tion seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Stojack.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 10:00 P. M.

H. M. TOLLEFSON

President of City Council

st: Josephine Melton
City Clerk.